

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 2, 2019

“God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.”

— *Psalm 47:6*

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man just got married and was returning home with his wife. They were crossing a lake in a boat, when suddenly a great storm arose. The man was a warrior and a person with very strong will power, but the woman became very much afraid because it seemed almost hopeless. The boat was small and the storm was really huge, and any moment they were going to be drowned.

But the man sat silently, calm and quiet, as if nothing was happening. The woman was trembling and she said, “Are you not afraid? This may be our last moment of life! It doesn’t seem that we will be able to reach the other shore.” The man laughed and took the sword out of its sheath, and then he brought the naked sword very close to the woman’s neck and asked, “Are you afraid?” She said, “If the sword is in your hands, why should I be afraid? You are my husband, and I know you will never ever hurt me, because I know that you love me.” He put the sword back and said, “This is my answer. I know God loves me, and the storm is in His hands. So whatever is going to happen is going to be good. If we survive; good; if we don’t survive; good, because everything is in His hands and He can’t do anything wrong to us.”

This is the trust which we need to imbibe and which is capable of transforming our whole life. Any less won’t do.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jim Patrick and Sloan in thanks for Detroit on his 4th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Mikey Joe Riley in loving memory of him on his 72nd Birthday;
3. the Family of Betty Apple in loving memory of her on her 77th Birthday and 7th Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Sonny Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 88th Birthday;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Fr. Peter Clarke on the 56th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Best wishes and prayers from St. Edward’s Parish Family.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE RECEPTION Our Lady of Peace School invites St. Edward’s Parish to join them in the school auditorium on Thursday, June 6th at 10:30 A.M. for the Recognition of Service for three wonderful teachers and an administrator from the school.

Kathleen Morton — Vice Principal & Algebra Teacher

Mary Anne Mitchell — Kindergarten Teacher

Earline Gray — First Grade Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS to John Damon Carroll, Pete Halston McNally, Patrick Lewis Riley, Edison Sherlock and their baseball team, the Dodgers, for winning the North Augusta 2019 Baseball Championship in their league. Great job!

CONGRATULATIONS to Edison Sherlock for being picked to play in the All-Stars for the 4th Consecutive year. Great job!

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week’s Collection | \$2,675.00 | \$1,739.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 92 | 60 |
| Total Pledge for 2019 | \$167,031.00 | \$163,188.00 |
| Pledged to Date (22 Weeks) | \$67,919.00 | \$66,308.00 |
| Received to Date | \$57,077.00 | \$46,029.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$10,842.00 | \$20,279.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$2259.00 | \$5,063.00 |

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$9,580.00 | \$39,829.00 |

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

| GOAL | \$165,000.00 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Pledged | \$199,700.00 |
| Total Received | \$9,563.00 |

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

35 **CHILDREN** contributed \$208.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$23.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 230 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

CONGRATULATIONS to Honor Carroll, Polaris Mack and Britain Sherlock and their team for winning the North Augusta 2019 softball Championship in their league.

THANK YOU to Carlisle Carroll for donating \$700 to the Church which was proceeds from her ice cream stand.

BEST WISHES

Fr. Cherian prays and wishes for all our Parish family members who are going out of town during the Summer, a wonderful time of joy, happiness and good luck and a safe and pleasant return.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Communications Campaign*. Please be generous.

SUMMER ADORATION will begin next Monday, June 10th. Adoration will be only on *Mondays and Thursdays ONLY* from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

JOKE OF THE WEEK The laziest guy in America was sitting with his friend in a bar one day. Both were too idle to find a job. Suddenly the friend turned to him and said: "I'm thinking of going to Australia. On the news it says that someone's discovered a diamond mine in the Outback where the precious stones sit all over the ground. All you have to do is bend down and pick them up."

The other guy looked at him and said: "Bend down? I can't."

THANK YOU to three members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Friday: First Friday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the souls in purgatory.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Betty Apple on the 7th Anniversary of her death and 77th Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Matt Sherlock on the 59th Anniversary of his death.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Ringo on the 8th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For Pat L. McNally on his Birthday.

SPECIAL TREASURES

*There are treasures everywhere, Across the earth and in the air.
The sun beyond a sky of gray; The peacefulness of everyday.
The joy when we meet a friend; A song we hope will never end.
Tiny buds deep in the grass; Soon to bloom in a colored mass;
Shadows on a winter snow; Stars at night with constant glow.
There are treasures everywhere; Made by God or us to share.*

READERS

Sat. June 1st, 4:00 P.M
Ritz & Ivana

Sun. June 2nd, 10:00A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Bridgette Anna

Sat. June 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Riley & Grace

Sun. June 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Bridgette Anna

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Maria
Tuesday - Natalie
Wednesday - Fallon
Thursday - Christina
Friday - Pamela

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **June 1st**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

June 2nd **June 9th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Winnie Ann
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Rosie Cat
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday P.A.'s Ann Marie

WALK BY FAITH

*God has a perfect plan for us.
He never does it all at once.
Just step by step because he wants to teach us to
WALK BY FAITH not by sight.*

WORRIES AND TENSIONS

Worries and tensions are like flies, we cannot stop them from flying around us, but we can certainly stop them from making a nest on our head.

JOURNEY OF LIFE

DESTINY is not created by the SHOES we wear but by the STEPS we take. Let's make the JOURNEY of LIFE meaningful and memorable.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER IN THE MORNING

I pray you, gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver me from all evils, past, present and to come. Give me lively faith, a firm hope and perfect charity, so that I may love you with all my heart and all my soul and all my strength. Make me firm and steadfast in good works and grant me perseverance in your service so that I may be able to please you always. Amen.